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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

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In Re MARSEILLES CAPITAL, LLC, a Florida corporation, v. GEROVA FINANCIAL GROUP, LTD, a Cayman Islands corporation.

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Plaintiff Marseilles Capital, LLC ("Marseilles") complains and alleges as follows:

JURISDICTION AND VENUE

- 1. This action arises out of a Florida action in which Marseilles obtained a judgment against Gerova Financial Group, LLC ("Gerova"). Jurisdiction is conferred upon this Court by 28 U.S.C. §§ 1332, 1367.
- 2. Venue lies in the Central District of California pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1391(b) on the ground that a substantial part of the events or omissions giving rise to the claim on which the action is based occurred herein, and alternatively on the grounds that the nonparty witness against whom Marseilles seeks to enforce a deposition subpoena in aid of enforcement of judgment resides in this judicial district.

PARTIES TO THE ACTION

- 3. Plaintiff Marseilles Capital, LLC is now, and at all times mentioned in this Complaint was, a corporation operating and existing under the laws of the state of Florida.
- 4. Judgment debtor Gerova Financial Group, LLC is now, and at all times mentioned in this Complaint was, a corporation operating and existing under the laws of the Cayman Islands.
- 5. Non-party witness Eugene Scher ("Scher") is now, and at all times mentioned in this Complaint was, an individual residing in Calabasas, California. Scher is the Chief Operating Officer of judgment debtor Gerova.

COMMON ALLEGATIONS

- 6. On May 12, 2011, Marseilles obtained a final judgment in the amount of \$375,000 plus interest against Gerova in the United States District Court, Southern District of Florida, Ft. Lauderdale Division, Case No. 10-81294-CV-COHN-SELTZER.
- 7. On July 21, 2011, Marseilles issued a subpoena for deposition in aid of execution on Scher, Gerova's Chief Operating Officer. A true and correct copy of the

subpoena is attached hereto as Exhibit A. Scher was personally served with the deposition subpoena on July 28, 2011.

- 8. On August 22, 2011, Scher's attorney contacted Marseilles and unequivocally stated Scher would not appear for his deposition. Scher did not file a motion to quash or modify the deposition subpoena nor did he file a motion for a protective order.
- 9. Marseilles offered to accommodate Scher's schedule in resetting the deposition but Scher refused to provide alternative dates for his deposition and ignored Marseilles' efforts to informally reschedule the deposition.
- 10. Scher did not file a motion to quash or modify the deposition subpoena nor did he file a motion for a protective order.
- 11. Scher disobeyed the deposition subpoena by refusing to appear on the date commanded. A statement of non-appearance was obtained when Scher did not appear for his deposition on August 29, 2011.
- 12. Marseilles continued its efforts to contact Scher's counsel in order to obtain dates certain on which he would be available for deposition. Scher's counsel did not respond, thereby refusing to provide any dates or deal at all to Marseilles' attempts to informally resolve this matter.

CLAIM FOR RELIEF

- 13. Marseilles hereby incorporates by reference and realleges all preceding paragraphs of this Complaint as if fully set forth herein.
- 14. Marseilles is informed and believes and thereupon alleges that Scher has embarked upon a course of conduct to unlawful forestall Marseilles efforts to enforce the judgment it obtained against Gerova by refusing to comply with a lawful subpoena for deposition in aid of execution.
- 15. By reason of Scher's refusal to comply with a valid subpoena or identify any valid grounds for moving to quash or modify the subpoena or seek a protective order, Marseilles has suffered damage and its collection efforts against Gerova have

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been impeded.

- 16. Marseilles is informed and believes and thereupon alleges that unless a contempt citation and order to appear is issued by this Court, Scher will continue to thwart Marseilles' efforts to enforce its judgment against Gerova.
- 17. Although Marseilles obtained a judgment against Gerova in the Southern District of Florida, FRCP 45(e) provides that contempt proceedings against Scher are properly brought in the district court in which the subpoena was issued, here, the Central District of California.

PRAYER FOR RELIEF

WHEREFORE, Marseilles prays for relief from this Court as follows:

- 1. For an order to show cause why Scher should not be held in contempt of court for refusing to comply with a lawfully issued subpoena for deposition in aid of execution;
 - 2. For an order commanding Scher to appear for deposition;
 - 3. For attorney's fees and costs of suit; and
 - 4. Such other and further relief as this Court may deem proper and just.

DATED: September 19, 2011

DEMPSEY & JOHNSON P.C.

By:

MICHAEL D. DEMPSEY

Attorneys for Plaintiff, MARSEILLES

CAPITAL, LLC

EXHIBIT A

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

CASE NO.: 10-81294CIV-COHN/SELTZER

SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIE	DA-CASE-NO:: 10-81294-GV-GOHN/SELTZER
MARSEILLES CAPITAL, LLC, a Florida corporation,	
Plaintiff, vs.	SUBPOENA FOR DEPOSITION IN AID OF EXECUTION
GEROVA FINANCIAL GROUP, LTD., a Cayman Islands corporation,	
Defendant/	
TO: EUGENE SCHER (a/k/a GENE SC 24948 Lorenzo Court Calabasas, CA 91302	CHER)
YOU ARE COMMANDED to appear in the United States District Court at the Place of Testimony:	place, date, and time specified below to testify in the above case Courtroom
X YOU ARE COMMANDED to appear at the place, date, and time spe	ecified below to testify at the taking of a deposition in the above case.
Place of Deposition: US Legal Support 20970 Warner Center Lane, Suite C Woodland Hills, CA 91367 Tel. (800) 993-4464	Date and Time August 29, 2011 @ 9:00 a.m.
YOU ARE COMMANDED to produce and permit inspection and co (list documents or objects):	pying of the following documents or objects at the place, date, and time specified below
Place:	Date and Time
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Premises:	Date and Time
Any organization not a party to this suit that is subpotented for the tak other persons who consent to testify on its behalf, and may set forth, for each p	ing of a deposition shall designate one or more officers, directors, or managing agents, or erson designated, the matters on which the person will testify. Fed. R. Civ. P. 30 (b) (6).
Daniel S. Rosenbaum, Escante Rosenbaum Mollengarden Janssen & Stracusa, PLC Attorneys for Plaintiff	Date and Time 2:58 p.m. on July 21, 2011 [EST]

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Rule 45 Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, Parts C & D

(c) PROTECTION OF PERSONS SUBJECT TO SUBPOENAS

(1) A party or an attorney responsible for the issuance and service of a subpoena shall take reasonable steps to avoid imposing undue burden or expense on a person subject to that subpoena. The court on behalf of which the subpoena was issued shall enforce this duty and impose upon the party or attorney in breach of this duty an appropriate sanction, which may include, but is not limited to, lost earnings and a reasonable attorney's fee.

(2)(A) A person commanded to produce and permit inspection and copying of designated books, papers, documents or tangible things, or inspection of

premises need not appear in person to the place of production or inspection unless commanded to appear for deposition, hearing or trial.

- (B) Subject to paragraph (d)(2) of this rule, a person commanded to produce and permit inspection and copying may, within 14 days after service of the subpoena or before the time specified for compliance if such time is less than 14 days after service, serve upon the party or attorney designated in the subpoena written objection to inspection to copying of any or all of the designated materials or of the premises. If objection is made, the party serving the subpoena shall not be entitled to inspect and copy the materials or inspect the premises except pursuant to an order of the court by which the subpoena was issued. If objection has been made, the party serving the subpoena may upon notice to the person commanded to produce, move at any time for an order to compel the production. Such an order to compel production shall protect any person who is not a party or an officer of a party from significant expense resulting from the inspection and copying commanded.
 - (3) (A) On timely motion, the court by which a subpoena was issued shall quash or modify the subpoena if it

(i) fails to allow reasonable time for compliance;

(ii) requires a person who is not a party or an officer of a party to travel to a place more than 100 miles from the place where that person resides is employed or regularly transacts in person, except that, subject to the provisions of clause (c) (3)(8)(iii) of this rule, such a person may

in order to attend trial be commanded to travel from any such place within the state in which the trial is held, or

(iii) requires disclosure of privileged or other protected matter and no exceptions or waiver applies, or

(iv) subject a person to undue burden.

(B) If a subpoena

(i) requires disclosure of a trade secret or other confidential research, development, or commercial information, or

- (ii) requires disclosure of an unretained expert's opinion or information not describing specific events or occurrences in dispute and resulting from the expert's study made not at the request of any party, or
 - (iii) requires a person who is not a party or an officer of a party to incur substantial expense to travel more than 100 miles to attend trial,

the court may, to protect a person subject to or affected by the subpoena, quash or modify the subpoena, or if the party in whose behalf the subpoena is issued shows a substantial need for the testimony or material that cannot be otherwise met without undue hardship and assures that the person to whom the subpoena is addressed will be reasonably compensated, the court may order appearance or production only upon specified conditions.

(d) DUTIES IN RESPONDING TO SUBPOENA

- (I) A person responding to a subpocea to produce documents shall produce them as they are dept in the usual course of business or shall organize and label them to correspond with the categories in the demand.
- (2) When information subject to a subpoena is withheld on a claim that it is privileged or subject to protection as trial preparation materials, the claim shall be made expressly and shall be supported by a description of the nature of the documents, communications, or things not produced that is sufficient to enable the demanding party to contest the claim.

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

NOTICE OF ASSIGNMENT TO UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE FOR DISCOVERY

This case has been assigned to	District Judge	Christina A.	Snyder a	nd the	assigned
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The case number on all documents filed with the Court should read as follows:

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In Re: MARSEILLES CAPITAL, LLC, a Florida corporation (b) Attorneys (Firm Name, Address and Telephone Number. If you are representing yourself, provide same.) Michael D. Dempsey (SBN 43310) Dempsey & Johnson P.C., 1880 Century Park East, Suite 516			In Re: GEROVA FINANCIAL GROUP, LTD, a Cayman Islands corporation				
			Attorneys (If Known)				
Los Angeles, CA 90067,							
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